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the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 1211 does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Connealy, an amendment to LB 1167, and to LB 921, and to LB 816. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 854-855.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1172 is a bill by Senator Raikes. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2931, Legislative Journal page 765.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on advancement of LB 1172.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Let me first address a few mechanics with you. We had a number of bills introduced in the Education Committee this session on fees. LB 1172 was one of those bills. We conducted a thorough discussion in the committee, came up with a proposal, a committee proposal, and then put that proposal in LB 1172, which...which I had prioritized. So I'm not going to spend a lot of time, you know I am going to use the opening time, I guess I would say, to talk specifically about the committee amendment to LB 1172 because that is the essence of what we have, as a committee, to offer you. So let me begin with that now.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, did you wish to open on the committee amendments now?

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. Okay, we are discuss...we're...